

# HOMEWORK 1. Probability

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## 1 Exercise 1

a) The marginal distributions  $p(x)$  and  $p(y)$

$$p(X = x_1) = 0.1 + 0.05 + 0.01 = 0.16$$

$$p(X = x_2) = 0.02 + 0.1 + 0.05 = 0.17$$

$$p(X = x_3) = 0.03 + 0.05 + 0.03 = 0.11$$

$$p(X = x_4) = 0.1 + 0.07 + 0.05 = 0.22$$

$$p(X = x_5) = 0.1 + 0.2 + 0.04 = 0.34$$

$$p(Y = y_1) = 0.01 + 0.02 + 0.03 + 0.1 + 0.1 = 0.26$$

$$p(Y = y_2) = 0.05 + 0.1 + 0.05 + 0.07 + 0.2 = 0.47$$

$$p(Y = y_3) = 0.1 + 0.05 + 0.03 + 0.05 + 0.04 = 0.27$$

b) The conditional distributions  $p(x|Y = y_1)$  and  $p(x|Y = y_3)$

$$p(X = x_1|Y = y_1) = \frac{0.01}{0.26} = 0.038$$

$$p(X = x_2|Y = y_1) = \frac{0.02}{0.26} = 0.077$$

$$p(X = x_3|Y = y_1) = \frac{0.03}{0.26} = 0.115$$

$$p(X = x_4|Y = y_1) = \frac{0.1}{0.26} = 0.38$$

$$p(X = x_5|Y = y_1) = \frac{0.1}{0.26} = 0.38$$

$$p(X = x_1|Y = y_3) = \frac{0.1}{0.27} = 0.37$$

$$p(X = x_2|Y = y_3) = \frac{0.05}{0.27} = 0.185$$

$$p(X = x_3|Y = y_3) = \frac{0.03}{0.27} = 0.111$$

$$p(X = x_4|Y = y_3) = \frac{0.05}{0.27} = 0.185$$

$$p(X = x_5|Y = y_3) = \frac{0.04}{0.27} = 0.148$$

## 2 Exercise 2

Show that  $E_X[X] = E_Y[E_X[x|y]]$

$$\text{Left side } E_X[X] = \sum_x x.P(X = x) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Right side } E_Y[E_X[x|y]]$$

$$= E_Y[\sum_x x.P(X = x|Y = y)]$$

$$= \sum_y \sum_x x.P(X = x|Y = y).P(Y = y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_y \sum_x x \cdot P(Y = y | X = x) \cdot P(X = x) \\
&= \sum_x x \cdot P(X = x) \sum_y P(Y = y | X = x) \\
&= \sum_x x \cdot P(X = x) \quad (2)
\end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2),  $E_X[X] = E_Y[E_X[x|y]]$ .

### 3 Exercise 3

$$P(X) = 0.207$$

$$P(Y) = 0.5$$

$$P(X|Y) = 0.365$$

a) Use both X and y

$$P(X \cap Y) = P(X|Y) \cdot P(Y) = 0.365 \cdot 0.5 = 0.1825$$

b) Use Y, given that they don't use X

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y|\bar{X}) &= \frac{P(\bar{X}|Y) \cdot P(Y)}{P(\bar{X})} \\
&= \frac{[P(Y) - P(X|Y)] \cdot P(Y)}{1 - P(X)} \\
&= \frac{[0.5 - 0.365] \cdot 0.5}{1 - 0.207} \\
&= 0.085
\end{aligned}$$

### 4 Exercise 4

Prove  $V_X = E_X[x^2] - (E_X[x])^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(X) &= \sum (x_i - E[x])^2 \cdot p_i \\
&= \sum [x_i^2 - 2x_i \cdot E[x] + (E[x])^2] \cdot p_i \\
&= \sum x_i^2 \cdot p_i - 2x_i \cdot E[x] \cdot p_i + (E[x])^2 \cdot p_i \\
&= \sum x_i^2 \cdot p_i - \sum 2x_i \cdot p_i \cdot E[x] + \sum (E[x])^2 \cdot p_i \\
&= E[x] \cdot x_i - 2(E[x])^2 + (E[x])^2 \\
&= E[x^2] - (E[x])^2
\end{aligned}$$

### 5 Exercise 5

There are 3 cases of place 1 car and 2 goats

	Door1	Door2	Door3
Case 1: car		goat	goat
Case 2: goat	car		goat
Case 3: goat	goat	car	

Suppose choosing Door1,  $P(A)$  be the probability of choosing correctly the car, in second chance:

- If not change the option:

$$P_{notchange1}(A) = 1$$

$$P_{notchange2}(A) = 0$$

$$P_{notchange3}(A) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{notchange}(A) = \frac{1}{3}$$

- If change the option:

$$P_{change1}(A) = 0$$

$$P_{change2}(A) = 1$$

$$P_{change3}(A) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{change}(A) = \frac{2}{3}$$

We have  $P_{notchange} < P_{change}$ .

Therefore, we should change the option in second chance.